



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** volunteer action, no matter how big or small, can affect positive change in an entire community. By giving of oneself in service to another, both the giver and the recipient are empowered; and
- WHEREAS,** volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** millions of volunteers working in their communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of others; and
- WHEREAS,** during this week, across the state, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and
- WHEREAS,** experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our state's social problems, and our country's volunteer force of over 64 million people is a great treasure; and
- WHEREAS,** volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive state and by encouraging more people to volunteer we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2006, as

VOLUNTEER WEEK

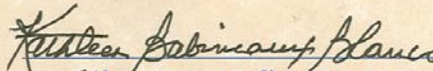
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 18th day of April
A. D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana